



NEWSLETTER

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WEEK B

“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.”

— Flora Lewis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Evening

Last night's Open Evening was very busy again, standing room only, and as usual a fantastic showcase of what we are and what we do. It's a Headteacher's dream to describe their school as "popular and over-subscribed". Thank you to all parents who loaned us your children yesterday evening as tour guides, demonstrators and helpers (and picked them up again at the end). Our students are incredibly knowledgeable about Clyst Vale, showing their loyalty and sense of belonging, and demonstrated more about Clyst Vale and its values than any polished power point or glossy brochure.

Open Week Next Week

Similar to the Open Evening, the daily tours next week are looking very busy indeed. Students will again do the guiding and answering the bulk of the questions, with senior staff available for Q-and-A at the end. And it's a useful addition to the Open Evening: any school can put on a show for one evening, but you can't judge the atmosphere during the daytime without visiting in the daytime.

Y11 Revision Evening, 9th October

Year 11 parents should have received a letter about this, but just in case....On 9th October we are holding a Parents' Information Evening about revision. We'll outline our overall revision plan for year 11 students, designed to support and guide students through revision across all subjects until it's GCSE time in May. Parents will see what is on offer to support students here at Clyst Vale: the structured revision programmes and support materials available, including how to access them. Please register on <https://forms.office.com/e/BdV77hcWkU>. Eagle-eyed parents may have spotted that this was originally scheduled for 12th October but it has been necessary to bring it forward with apologies for any confusion or inconvenience.

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October when we will be going through essential first aid skills, the kit required for the expeditions and how to pack a rucksack. Both of these sessions will run from 1.30pm until 2.10pm in IT4. All relevant information will be loaded on to the Bronze file on Teams.

We will also be running a training session on Tuesday 26th October, in IT4, to help our Silver and Gold students to enrol on to eDofE. We also hope to take our year 12 Gold participants on a training walk on Dartmoor on Saturday 30th September to support them with their navigation skills (dependent upon student numbers). [Thank you to Mr Eales and Miss Barratt for this report, and way more so for their commitment and coordination of the whole DofE programme]

Porridge

(Food, not the 1970s sitcom, nor another new name for Room 29). Goldilocks would not get into trouble at Clyst Vale: free porridge is available to ALL students in the canteen from 08.30, with one free topping (jam, cinnamon, sugar, golden syrup or raisins)

Flood

You know when you put your property on the market and the day before the first viewers arrive the shower leaks ? Well, it's a bit like that here as well. Sunday's flash floods came in through the front door and gushed along to the staffroom entrance. Fortunately, the only damage was to the carpet tiles. Our premises team had the horrid job of removing what carpet they could, but we are left with a smelly patchwork design in Reception and quite nice Romanesque flooring in the corridor behind. We are insured, and it will be sorted out, but apologies if you need to visit Reception, and take a deep breath just before coming in. Of course, it was Open Evening yesterday and Open Week next week.....

Transport News: Roadworks on B3181

The dreaded yellow signs have appeared on the B3181 between Westclyst and Beaumont heralding roadworks for 12 days starting next Monday, 25th September. It's a contractor doing drainage works for Devon County Council. There will be two-way traffic lights. In other words, please allow more time to get to Clyst Vale on time, and there is the likelihood of delays to Stagecoach and School buses using this route.

I'm sad to report that three students have been banned from a CV bus this week, and even sadder their lack of respect for other students and the driver has led to this. I mention it just to show that we are quite serious about taking action and work closely with Devon School Transport.

News of Former Student

We are delighted to hear that Christopher Ellis has graduated this week from Plymouth University with a 2:1 in Biological Sciences. Chris is autistic, and faced more challenges than most at school. He was always keen and good at science, studying it in our Sixth Form. So, we're really proud of his achievement and for being a great example to younger students !

The Big Ambition: Children and Young People's On-line Survey

Next Thursday, the Children's Commissioner for England Rachel de Souza will be visiting Devon as part of her launch of The Big Ambition. The Big Ambition is a survey for all children aged 6-18 and parents of young people aged 0-18 across the country. She hopes to use the survey to hear about what children want for the future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations. With a General Election not far away, now is a great time for politicians and policy makers to hear children's and young people's voices.

As a RRS, we are committed to promoting "student voice", not just in school, and would encourage our students to complete the survey ! It's on <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

Attendance

Further to my comments last week, I can now share the highlights from the letter to Headteachers from Chris Whitty the Chief Medical Officer on behalf of the Department for Education.

"Dear headteachers and trust leaders,

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so we have laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Refer to NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance

We are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, are a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety, rather than reduce it. DfE has published useful guidance on mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance. The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) recently approved 5 principles to promote school attendance to support GPs in having sensitive and reassuring conversations with parents, carers and pupils.

Yours sincerely, Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer, England

Exam Dates Next Summer

For parents with children in Exam Years who might be thinking of holiday planning, next summer's exam dates are as follows: Thursday 9th May until Friday 21st June for GCSE, Monday 13th May until Monday 23rd June for A and AS. But Wednesday 26th June is a "contingency day", and students are expected to be available; this is in case there is a national emergency of some sort, or a major breach in exam security arrangements. Contingency days really began with the pandemic, and haven't ever been used. That's tempted Fate.....

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RER	No permission to name
7RGG	No permission to name
8RDFE	Ruthie Dearden-Watts
8RTMA	Vicky Gundidza
9RBAT	
9RNS	Lily-Mae Pattinson
10RZB	No permission to name
10RSGA	Deacon Wassell
11RMA	
H	
11RCMO	

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YCBO	No permission to name
7YCFL	No permission to name
8YGGA	
8YBHA	No permission to name
9YMBR	Ameera Choudhury
9YSWA	Sophia Blum
10YSS	No permission to name
10YADA	Karly David
11YDST	Olivia Woollam
11YEHA	Lily Merrick

GREEN SCHOOL

7GRTU	No permission to name
7GHE	
8GMNA	Tallulah Wren
8GLT	Nevaeh Stainer
9GCMC	No permission to name
9GDJ	Jake Lucas
10GABR	Ellen Newlove
10GDH	Harry Bidder
11GAWO	Issey Fry
11GGT	Tobias Hill

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th September	Y12 Bude Trip
Tuesday 26th September	Introduction to KS4 Year 10 Parents 18:00—19:30
Friday 30th September	DofE Gold Training Walk
Thursday 5th October	Y7 Tutor Parents Evening
Monday 9th October	Y11 Revision Information Evening (moved from 12th October)
Tuesday 10th October	Camps International Parents Presentation 6pm
Wednesday 18th October	Y13 Geography Trip to Slapton Ley
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	Half Term

The Clever Chefs autumn menu is available on our website via the link below:

[CleverChefs Menu – Autumn Term 2023 – CVCC](#)
clystvaled.org

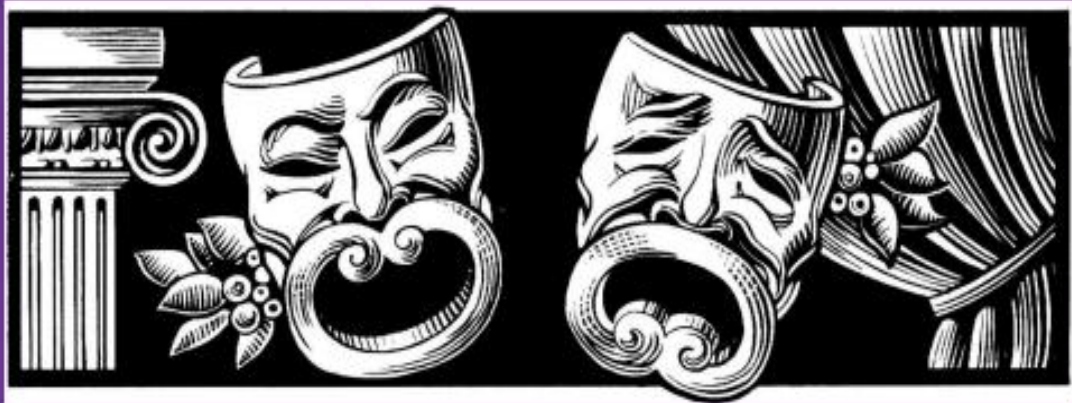


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DRAMA CLUB



Do you love acting and Performing?
If so come along to one or both of the following
sessions.

Wednesday after school from 15.25 to 16.45

(Starts: Wednesday 20th September)

and

Friday lunchtime from 13.30-14.10

(Starts: Friday 22nd September)

Drama club takes place in PA1 with Miss Ruscoe

Working towards a performance evening at the
Barnfield Theatre in November.

Come join in the fun!

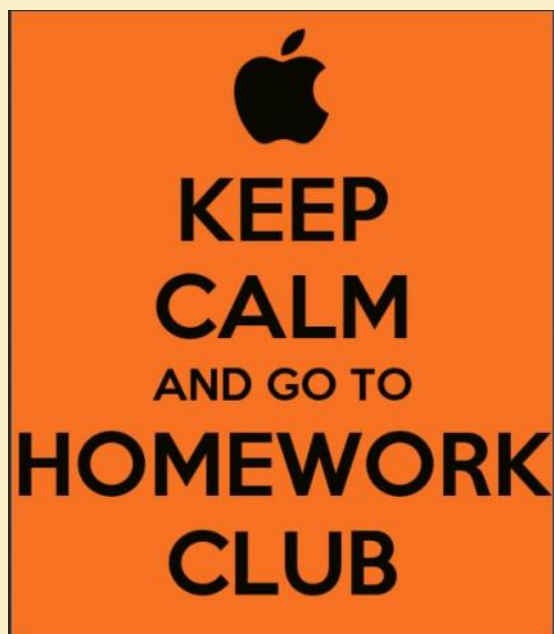
Library



Mock/GCSE pencil cases. Available from September. £4.50 per pencil case. We also sell calculators for £10- although prices may vary. What's included? A clear pencil case, 1 pencil, a blue, black, and red pen. 1 highlighter. 1 ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener. **Cash only** unfortunately.

The library does sell stationery all year round.

Homework Club in IT2
Monday to Friday Lunchtime
1.30-2pm
Monday to Thursday After-
school 3.30—4.45pm





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If you have any questions please email us:

ealesc@clystvale.org

barrattm@clystvale.org

Thanks for your support.

Chris Eales & Michelle Barratt

DofE Co-ordinators

Year 11 Boys Rugby v St Peters (H)

The Year 11 boys opened their account for the upcoming season at home to St Peters on Wednesday afternoon. Despite some late withdrawals due to injury, the boys put in a good performance but just fell short in the second half.

St Peters only had 12 players, so the squad of 17 for Clyst Vale dropped the back row and received the kick off playing up the slight slope. The first half was a tight affair, with Clyst Vale conceding first but replying through a JJ Slater score, converted by Dan Horn.

The second half was dominated by the visitors, with Clyst Vale struggling to make inroads to the St Peters defence, despite some strong carries and runs by Dan Baker, JJ Slater, Olivier Kr zemien, Nick Ball and Tom Mackay. Winger Jake Ferris did not have much room to work with on the wing but made some excellent runs and beat several defenders. Clyst Vale then lost Charlie Williams to injury, with Archie Jameson coming on to play at 9, with Lenny Bolt shifting to 10. Jasper Forty, a year young, continued to impress with some surging runs and outstanding rucking.

The final score ended up being 22-7 to St Peters, with them deserving the win. The boys endeavour was excellent, however it was apparent that our play was more disjointed than that of the visitors, however this will come with time and practice on a Wednesday after school.

Congratulations to the squad: JJ Slater (c), Charlie Williams, Daniel Baker, Lenny Bolt, Nick Ball, Jake Ferris, Tom Mackay, Archie Jameson, Olivier Kr zemien, Jaden Hooper, Max Metherell, Dan Horn, Finley Woolacott, Jasper Forty, Archie Cross, Kiaran Gillard, Guy Earnshaw.



Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps to reduce unauthorised absences and truancy.

Please note, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if a student is absent from College due to illness.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

EXETER



SARACENS U13S

ARE LOOKING FOR YOU...



**We are recruiting players for the under 13s team
(boys year 8)**

New to rugby and experienced players welcome!

Training: Fridays 18:00 - 19:00

Matches: Sunday mornings from Sept - May

**Teamwork - Respect - Enjoyment - Discipline -
Sportsmanship**

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Whipton
Exeter, EX4 8NT

For more info contact Team Manager:
Rich Willmott - 07891 127411

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The entrance to access the library is through Clyst Vale's main entrance (reception,) then turning right, from there you will see the libraries entrance.

Public opening hours; Monday **3.30 – 5.30pm**, Wednesday **3.30- 5.30pm** and Thursday **4 –6pm**

EduLink and contacting the College

Please do not address emails, or replies to EduLink messages, to EduLink@clystvale.org. It is an unmonitored mailbox and will not go to anyone. Parents/carers need to reply to EduLink messages via the app, online, or via email, as this will then be directed to the staff member who sent the message to you. Or, please contact the relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

There is also a contact form and details here: <http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>



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